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SUBJECT : LIQUID FERTILIZER DEAL FOR BAHRAIN AND DUBAI

1. EDITOR OF BAHRAIN BASED GULF WEEKLY MIRROR (GWM) SAYS HE HAS RECEIVED CLIPPING OF ARTICLE FROM NOV 7 ISSUE OF SEQUIM (WASH) GAZETTE DESCRIBING PLANS TO SHIP MANURE IN LIQUID FORM FROM WASH STATE TO BAHRAIN AND DUBAI. ARTICLE REPORTEDLY GIVES VALUE OF DEAL AT \$1.2 BILLION AND STATES THAT SOME OF MONEY ALREADY ON DEPOSIT WITHYRJASE MANHATTAN BANK N.Y.. DEAL WAS REPORTED AS HAVING BEEN CLOSED BY QTE MOHAMMED KHALIL IBRAHIM, SON OF THE SHEIKH OF BAHRAIN UNQTE WITH RJB EXPORT OF SEQUIM, WASH AND WORLD WIDE BROKERS OF GALLIANO, LA.

2. GWM EDITOR (AND EMBASSY) UNABLE TO IDENTIFY ANY QTE MOHAMMED KHALIF IBRAHIM UNQTE IN THE ROYAL FAMILY OF BAHRAIN OR ANYONE ELSE BY THAT NAME IN BAHRAIN INVOLVED IN FERTILIZER DEAL. HE HAS ALSO OBTAINED DENIAL THAT SUCH DEAL IN PROGRESS FROM GOB AND DENIAL BY CHASE THAT ANY FUNDS ON DEPOSIT. ON JAN 17 GWM EDITOR TELEPHONED NORMAN SIEBENS OF RJB EXPORT AND INFORMED HIM OF DENIALS BY GOB AND CHASE. SIEBENS SAID HE KNEW NOTHING OF THIS.

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3. GWM PLANS TO GIVE EXTENSIVE COVERAGE THIS STORY IN

ISSUE OF JAN 19, FEATURING DENIALS AND RAISING POSSIBILITY
THAT SOMEONE IS BEING TAKEN. LOCAL REUTERS STRINGER WILL
ALMOST CERTAINLY ENSURE THAT GWM IS QUOTED IN HIS RELEASES.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING ANY INFO STATE OR COMMERCE
MIGHT HAVE ON THIS SUBJECT.
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